atmosphere which acts as a shield and these objects burn off due to atmospheric friction. However, there are objects of diameters between 1—100 km (in the category of comets and meteorites) which come close to the earth even though the probability of such objects actually colliding with the earth is small. It is difficult to predict the course of such bodies and hence there is always a potential danger from such bodies which may hit the earth.

(c) Global Astronomical Observations, including in India are carried out to constantly keep watch on the trajectories and orbits of larger bodies and objects. Optical telescopes and radar networks are being used globally to determine the orbits of space objects particularly those with large dimensions. Proposals by a number of scientists to devise rocket borne detonators which be launched towards an approaching body of larger size so that it could be broken up into pieces and thus minimising the risk of its hitting the earth are under constant dscussion, even though so far all the proposals being thought of are not only very expensive but also do not appear to be practical.

12.00 NOON

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Statement by Minister correcting answer to question. Shrimati Margaret Alva.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the relpy given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th August, 1993 to Unstarred Question No. 4360 regarding empanelment of the 1962 batch of I.A.S. officers. (Placed in library. *See* No. 4697/93)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Madam, in answer to parts (a), (b) and (c) of the Unstarred Question No. 4360 answered on 26-8-1993, the last sentence i.e. "The extant policy provides for a review every two years", may be substituted with the following sentence:—

> "Officers who are not considered suitable for empanelment at the initial assessment, should be reviewed along with the officers of the subsequent batch, when the subsequent batch is considered for empanelment."

श्री सिकदर बख्त : सादर साहिबा, मैं . .

†[شری سکندر بخت : صدر صاحبہ - میں ....]

उपसभापति : पहले पेपर्स ले कर लें।

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi Rae Bareli and related papers.

II. Notification of the National Airports Authority, New Delhi.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi, Rae Bareli, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting above Report.

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†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.